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Applicant:

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Title:

V-CHIP PLUS+: IN-GUIDE USER INTERFACE APPARATUS

AND METHOD FOR PROGRAMMABLE BLOCKING OF TELEVISION AND OTHER VIEWABLE PROGRAMMING, SUCH AS FOR PARENTAL CONTROL OF A TELEVISION

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of June 21, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 15, with following new paragraph:

Emanuel Patent 5,161,019 discloses an automated form of channel grazing. A preselected group of channels are sequentially scanned by switching the tuner of the television receiver from channel to

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